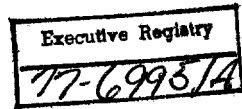


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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear Vince,

Thanks for your congratulatory remarks and your kind words on my appointment as Director of Central Intelligence.

I am distressed that my remarks on "Face the Nation" gave an ambiguous impression. I believe I said we can and should be able to redress the erosion of the military balance toward the Soviets by putting "enough resources and enough attention, enough interest, into this (question) to realize where we have to strengthen ourselves." I also pointed out that in addition to having a strong military we must have a strong economic position and must continue to have a strong intelligence function. I don't think, Vince, this indicates any "softness" in my views with regard to meeting the Soviet threat. I can assure you that is not the case.

I do want the Central Intelligence Agency to stay out of the derogatory headlines, but we will concentrate on having such coverage as we get reflect what we do -- the production of first-rate intelligence for the policy-makers of our country.

Thank you again for your concern and your support. I greatly appreciate your thoughtful letter.

Yours,

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